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Around 100 residents celebrated the new year in Town Hall at the New Year's Eve Charity Ball Sunday.

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Smaller crowd doesn't dampen ball

Community spirit key to celebration

BY LES G. MASTERSON
STAFF WRITER

The New Year's Eve Charity Ball at Town Hall Sunday didn't bring the sellout crowd of 1999. In fact, less than half of last year's attendance made the trek to Town Hall to ring in the new year with fellow Arlingtonians.

However, for organizers like Selectman Jack Hurd the lackluster attendance did not put a

dampener on their night. "It was a smaller crowd than last year, but that also meant there was more room," said the ever-optimistic Hurd.

Around 100 people paid \$125 for tickets, which benefited the Dollars for Scholars program. Without a major sponsor this year, the event did not raise the \$13,000 from the last ball. However, Town Treasurer and Millennium Celebration Chairman

John Bilafer hopes the event raised around \$2,000 to \$3,000 for the Dollars for Scholars program.

The bash could raise more money, but Bilafer said the committee wants to keep tickets affordable.

"If tickets were more, they would be much more for the scholarships, but the philosophy of the committee has been to show people a good time and still raise some money for scholarships," said Bilafer.

After initial slow sales, Bilafer said volunteers aimed to sell around 100 tickets and they realized the goal.

Residents partied from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the second, and most likely final, New Year's Eve ball, which brought out the same band, "Mirror Image," a different caterer, White on White Caterers from Charlestown, and a different theme, "Moonlight Memories."

Department of Public Works

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Town property values released

Complete listing starts on page 19

The Arlington Advocate is running the complete town property assessments starting on page 19 this week.

The complete list comes after months of review by Patriot Properties, which handled the revaluation. The figures' release was slowed by the state Department of Revenue's late certification.

However, with the tax bills sent to residents last week, Town Assessor Robert Greeley released the information.

Arlington's final tax rate is \$13.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value — a drop from \$17.66 per

\$1,000 of assessed value in 2000. But the revaluation still means an overall increase in taxes for homeowners.

As part of the appeals process, around 1,050 residents applied for and received a 15-minute hearing where Patriot Properties discussed individual assessments. There is still another chance for residents to appeal their tax bills.

Taxpayers have until 6 p.m. Feb. 1 to file an application for abatement of real estate tax in the Board of Assessors office. Greeley told The Advocate that it is in the residents' best interest to be as

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DPW chief: Res work will be done in 2004

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

While the Department of Public Works has released a tentative schedule for the repairs to the Arlington Reservoir's earthen dam, the details of those repairs still aren't known.

The project will be completed in May 2004, according to DPW Director Richard Bento. Beach improvements on the reservoir stand as the last step of a 14-step process that includes a 19-month period just to gain permits. In keeping with his hope of not interrupting a beach season, Bento's schedule repairs the beach area from September 2003 to May 2004.

Bento said he will need permis-

sion from the federal Army Corps of Engineers, the state Department of Environmental Protection, and the local Conservation commissions of Arlington and Lexington. Part of the reservoir lies within the adjoining town.

"We don't have anything to show yet," said Bento. "We're in the process of doing a survey and our soil testing out there that we said we'd do for the citizens' group."

A 65-acre body of water, the Res is located on the Arlington/Lexington line between Massachusetts Avenue and Lowell Street. It was created in 1871 by the damming of Monroe Brook. The dam, an earthen embankment roughly 600 yards long and as

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Changing of the guard, bike race tragedy marked top stories of 2000

The final six months of 2000 saw the end of Donald Marquis' 34-year tenure as town manager, the arrival of new Town Manager Philip Farrington, the death of a world-class bicyclist on Highland Avenue, the continuation of the MCAS fight, and an independent Police Department study.

The following are just some of the stories in Arlington for the last six months of 2000.

July
As an unexpected grand finale to Town Day, the town will host a one-day grand prix bike tour, promising hundreds of professional and Olympic-caliber athletes along with nationally-televised ESPN coverage Sunday, Sept. 17 — a day after Town Day.

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The Menotomy Hunter and Robbins Memorial Flagstaff may soon have com-

pany. The Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum Trustees are planning to temporarily display an eight-foot, gilded statue of the "Angel Moroni." Though not the original, a Utah museum is willing to loan the statue before it's secured on the new Mormon temple in Belmont.

There is only one problem — the Jefferson Cutter House, where the Dallin Art Museum is located, only has seven-foot ceilings.

Dallin Trustee Linda Olsen appeared before the Board of Selectmen and received approval to bring the statue to the Town Hall Garden.

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Five teenage boys have been arrested in connection with the beating of a 17-year-old Waltham male.

"It was a vicious attack," said Lt. James Moran who is in charge of the investigation. "In my 23 years of police work, I've never seen an impression so outstanding that we could see it on a victim's face."

Brutal in execution, the presumed five attackers repeatedly kicked the victim's face and head. The blows left a lasting imprint of their sneakers on the victim's face. That, said Moran, coupled with how the assailants abandoned the victim in an alley might lead Middlesex District Attorney, Martha Coakley to move the case to Superior Court.

If the victim didn't remarkably make it out the alley, Moran said, "we'd be investigating a homicide right now and not a severe beating."

August

Citing unconstitutionality, an Arling-

ton resident raised legal arguments against the temporary placement of a Cyrus E. Dallin replica, which is slated for the Town Hall Garden.

"Is it constitutional to have public officials place a very religiously-significant statue on town property?" asked Rev. Rolland C. Starr, a preacher of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Belmont, who pleaded his case during the Board of Selectmen meeting.

"[The 'Angel Moroni'] is a religious symbol of the Mormon church and I feel very strongly about its placement."

...
With the lone discovery of a dead crow infected with the West Nile virus in the Arlington area earlier this month, local public health officials will refrain from truck-mounted spraying as all indications

suggest that the town is not in danger of a more widespread problem. Instead, officials have intensified various precautionary steps to protect the public and keep a watchful eye on the virus's evolution.

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A week after town officials lamented on the fate of the Summer Street drainage project, state Sen. Robert Havern (D-Arlington) put his years of legislative experience to work.

Havern, who is Senate chairman of the Transportation Committee, met with Kevin Sullivan, secretary of Transportation and Construction, for five minutes. In that short meeting, Havern secured \$450,000 for the Summer Street drainage work, which is part of the \$7.2 million Reed's Brook project.

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Top 1900 story — Town becomes trolley car hub

BY RICHARD A. DUFFY
SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

What was arguably the major event of 1900 never appeared in the form of a single newspaper story. Rather, it exists as several ordinary news items scattered throughout The Arlington Advocate of 100 years ago.

Yet hindsight reveals that at the end of 1900, the new trolley car hub in Arlington had emerged as the crucial event that would transform a quiet market-garden town into the residential suburb that we know today.

Streetcars first came to Arlington in 1859 in the horse-drawn variety. They operated on what is now Massachusetts Avenue, and service terminated at the corner of Academy Street. In 1889, the line was among the first in Massachusetts to be electrified. Shortly thereafter, the terminus moved to Arlington Heights, and heavy patronage of the line led to the laying of two sets of tracks. In

1897, Arlington had its second streetcar line, when Mystic Street service was begun to Winchester Center.

The expansion of trolley car lines in Arlington brought opportunities for real estate development that the steam-railroad alone could not provide. Fewer people owned horses in the pre-automobile era than is widely supposed, so, frequent and convenient streetcar service was a must for any town that was hoping to modernize and grow.

Whereas today's public transportation is largely focused on the weekday commute to work, streetcars in 1900 were vital links to shopping and entertainment — indeed, taking a trolley ride out to the "country" was itself a popular Sunday pastime.

The year 1900 would witness remarkable growth in trolley car transportation to, through, and within Arlington, with prospects of even greater expansion. First,

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AIR GANNON



Arlington High School's Patrick Gannon has his legs pulled out from under him by Reading High School's Kevin Corley, during AHS' 4-3 win in the Ed Burns Classic last week. After beating Reading, AHS defeated Arlington Catholic High School 3-1 in the final. [Story, Page 12.]

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FOR THE RECORD

POLICE LOG

Tuesday, Dec. 26

• At 7:05 a.m., a Henderson Street resident reported that his car was stolen from in front of his house. The vehicle was recovered in Revere later that day.

• At 9:18 a.m., police responded to a call on Hamlet Street for vandalism to a home. Police discovered that an unknown person or persons threw eggs and possibly vomit against the side of the home.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

• At 10:51 a.m., a Jason Street resident reported to police a possible incident of fraud. The man said he was interested in buying a Michael Jordan rookie card through an Internet site. A North Carolina man got into contact with the Arlington resident and they agreed on a deal for \$1,900. The Jason Street man wired the money to the card dealer, but did not receive the card. After a couple weeks of e-mail correspondence, the dealer surmised that the card was lost. The North Carolina man was then supposed to return the money to the Arlington resident, but he has still not received the money.

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• At 1:45 p.m., a Massachusetts Avenue car dealership reported that a 2001 Honda was damaged while in the lot. Police found that the interior was damaged, including cigarette burn marks in the seat, console, headrests, doors, and dashboards. In addition, the sun visors and rearview mirror were broken off. There were also food wrappers, soda bottles, Visine, cigarette butts, a small liquor bottle, and marijuana remnants in the car.

Thursday, Dec. 28

• At 10:10 a.m., police responded to a call on Cedar Avenue after a car smashed through three fences and knocked over a speed limit sign. The vehicle was driving on the Concord Turnpike access road, when it ran off the road, up a sidewalk, through a stockade fence into a backyard, barely missing a parked car, through two more sections of fence and gate, and continued onto the turnpike.

Arrests

Wednesday, Dec. 27

• At 4:20 p.m., police arrested Ann Marie McLaughlin, 36, 16 Lafayette St., and charged her with violating a restraining order. Officer Kristine Powers made the arrest.

Friday, Dec. 29

• At 1:25 a.m., police arrested Antonio A. Barbosa, 22, 22 Leavitt St., Brockton, and charged him with operating a motor vehicle after his license was suspended and operating a motor vehicle with defective equipment. Officer Brian Connerney observed Barbosa driving a vehicle on Broadway with dim lights. The officer followed Barbosa, who was

driving a red Volkswagen Golf, and noticed the vehicle did not have a plate light, the plate was hanging by one bolt, and the Brockton man kept swerving from the center solid double yellow lines to the white line on the right side of the road. Connerney pulled over Barbosa and the Brockton man said his license was suspended. Connerney arrested him.

Monday, Jan. 1

• At 6 p.m., police arrested Abhishek Pandey, 25, 285 Massachusetts Ave., Apt. 15, and charged him with assault and battery. Officer Robert Gamez made the arrest.

Monday, Jan. 1

• At 12:42 a.m., police received a call for a young intoxicated man, who was reportedly underdressed, walking on Broadway. Police were unable to locate him.

• At 3:20 a.m., the Police

Department received a call for an argument between a mini-coach driver and his passengers.

• At 2:22 p.m., a Washington Street resident reported that gifts were taken from a Toyota overnight.

FIRE LOG

The Arlington Fire Department responded to 95 calls from Dec. 25-Dec. 31, including 59 with Rescue, seven fire alarms, and 16 investigations. References to paramedics denote two-medical teams from Arlington Ambulance Service, a private Arlington-based ambulance company.

Monday, Dec. 25

• At 5:02 p.m., an 80-year-old Frost Street resident complained of difficulty breathing. Rescue checked the woman's vital signs and administered oxygen. Rescue transported the woman to Lahey Clinic with paramedics.

Tuesday, Dec. 26

• At 4:24 p.m., Engine 3 and Rescue 1 responded to Shelley Road for a 78-year-old man complaining of weakness. Rescue administered oxygen and checked the man's vital signs. Rescue transported him to Brigham and Women's Hospital with paramedics.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

• At 11:30 a.m., firefighters responded to a call of an odor of gas in a Paul Revere Road home's basement. When they arrived, they discovered a light odor of smoke coming from the boiler.

They shut off the boiler and ventilated the basement.

Thursday, Dec. 28

• At 11:23 a.m., an 88-year-old Water Street woman complained of shortness of breath. Rescue administered oxygen and checked the woman's vital signs. Rescue transported the woman to Lahey.

Friday, Dec. 29

• At 12:18 p.m., the Fire Department received a call of a high carbon monoxide reading at a Sunnyside Avenue home, after the resident started a car in the garage. Firefighters found there were unacceptable readings and ventilated the building.

Saturday, Dec. 30

• At 9:04 a.m., a 79-year-old Varnum Street resident complained of shortness of breath. Rescue administered oxygen and checked the man's vital signs. He was taken with Rescue and paramedics to Mt. Auburn Hospital.

Sunday, Dec. 31

• At 9:19 a.m., a 76-year-old Park Avenue woman complained of chest pain. Rescue administered oxygen and checked the woman's vital signs. Rescue transported her to Lahey Clinic with paramedics.

High school PAC meets Monday

The third meeting of the Arlington High School Parent Advisory Council is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 8.

The main item on the agenda will be a review of our students' efforts on the MCAS and an explanation of the intricacies of the process. Principal Charles McCarthy will review as well the procedures to prepare our students to achieve at higher levels on the MCAS in this and future years. (Members of the Class of 2003, the current grade 10 students, will be the first students who will have their graduation status affected by the MCAS.)

A major part of the evening's agenda will be on the MCAS. There will be time to discuss as well the arrival of the Sudanese immigrants, the scheduling process, and any changes in the Program of Studies for school year 2001-2002.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and end promptly at 9 p.m. and will be held in the Media Center.

Housing advocate featured speaker at MLK observance

Housing advocate Jack Cooper is the featured speaker at the 13th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance scheduled for Monday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Arlington. All interested members of the Arlington community are invited to attend.

The evening begins with a potluck dinner in the church banquet hall. Those attending are asked to bring a main dish or dessert to serve six adults.

Following this dinner, the program will begin in the church sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. Those who are unable to join us for the potluck dinner are encouraged to attend the program.

Cooper, the executive director of the Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants plans to address the group. His work to provide housing rights for 85,000 public housing tenants in Massachusetts will shape his remarks about equality in our society.

Cooper is also a committee member for the U.S. HUD Rule Making Committee for Public Housing Operating Subsidy, and he is the vice president and chairperson of the Citizen Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA). In his work for HUD, Cooper is working to design a 20-year public housing subsidy formula for the nation's public housing program.

Cooper and his wife are longtime residents of Arlington and have raised two sons in the community.

Yvette Mitchell, a student at Tufts University will be the soloist for the evening. A children's choir

conducted by Arlington resident and music teacher Frank Toppa will also perform. Childcare will be provided during the program.

A free-offering will be taken during the evening's program. Proceeds will be divided between the Center for Non-Violent Studies in Atlanta and the Arlington Public Schools for its social studies program. Those who cannot attend, but would like to make a donation can send checks to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee at 819 Mass. Ave., Arlington 02476.

The annual dinner and celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day is coordinated by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance Committee of Arlington, MA, an interfaith committee of Arlington residents. The First Baptist Church of Arlington is located at 819 Mass. Ave. For more information about this event, please call 643-3024.



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During the Arlington Center for the Arts camp called "2001: Space Alien Odyssey," Leah Bennett, 9, works on a puppet, which she carried during Boston's First Night parade.

Arts class gets intergalactic

Children show their work during First Night parade

BY DANA FRONCZAK
STAFF WRITER

Arlington aliens invade First Night!

No, it's not Arlington's rehash of an Orson Welles broadcast. But it was the dastardly deeds of some creative youngsters last week at the Arlington Center for the Arts who painted, glittered and stuck streamers on paper mache creations, turning the understated aliens (if a papier-mache alien can be called understated) into a colorful panoply of tentacled and tendrilled creatures. Those creatures, mounted on wooden stakes, were carried by those same children at Boston's annual First Night parade on Boylston Street.

Volunteer Brian Carmen and his fiancée crafted the creatures last weekend, then Brian and staff member Selena Zubrowski ran two classes, one for five and six-year-olds and one for nine and 10-year-olds, to decorate the aliens

"(The) children did the accessorizing," said Carmen. "They sort of decide what the shapes are: eyes, ears, tentacles. Some of the shapes were ambiguous enough that the kids discussed things like 'It's a mouth. No, it's an eye.'"

Just then, Martin Kelly Wiseman yanked off a snout and decided to reattach it. "I want to do it this way," he said.

Carmen cracked a small smile. "Or they rearrange the puppet and put it back together," he said. Edie Voges called her puppet "alien elephant, because it has big eyes, big nose and a trunk."

That being said, it was hard to see the elephant, but, hey, imagination goes a long way.

Sarah Feldman's alien looked like your garden-variety snowman, with button eyes and little wood chips curved in a wide-mouthed grin. But there was a mysterious brown growth on the little guy's head. Sarah said, "It's a pimple." Her friendly creature's name was "Lily of the Valley." She

shrugged her shoulders when asked why.

One creature looked like a giant octopus, with two big outstretched arms and a third dangling thing with a swish at the end like a cat's tail. The same puppet had a puckered-up mouth that looked like the man-eating plant in "Little Shop of Horrors."

Education Director Jennifer Flores said, "We're doing this every year. Not only are our kids able to do something throughout the week, but it's a family affair." To make sure parents aren't left out, the bunch designed a parent-friendly prop. Flores modeled the Center's creation for the parental unit: a spacecraft worn around the waste like a funky hoola-hoop.

A parent asked Flores if she'd be better off to drive or take the train into Boston.

"If you're wearing a spaceship, I think you're better off driving," she said without a smirk.

Christmas tree collection scheduled Jan. 12, 19

Townwide Christmas tree collection will be Friday, Jan. 12 and Friday, Jan. 19.

Any leaves and remaining yard waste will be collected at this time also. Make sure the trees are not stuck in snow because the drivers cannot dig them out of the snow piles.

Brown bags can be purchased at local hardware and grocery stores. Yard Waste Stickers can be picked up at the DPW office on the second

floor of the Town Hall Annex or at the Town Yard at 51 Grove Street.

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Performance explores family's struggle with mental illness

BY DANA FRONZAK
STAFF WRITER

Seeing a mother and a daughter act in a play they co-wrote might be heartwarming to many.

For the relatives, friends, and victims of mental illness to watch June Gross and Viesla Novosielski perform their play "The Dangers of Empathy," about their own struggle with mental illness, it was downright cathartic.

An audience of 35 or so watched June and Viesla perform the play at the monthly meeting of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill's Cambridge-Middlesex Chapter Tuesday. The group meets at the Robbins Library each month.

Chapter Director June Martin said, "This is the first time we've

done a play, but we do a variety of topics from employment to housing, just a gamut of things people are interested in."

Novosielski was diagnosed with chronic and severe childhood depression "and the ever-popular ADD (attention deficit disorder)," she said. Her depression ultimately led to episodes of burning and cutting herself, which she said was "a way to feel outside the pain I was feeling inside."

A passage from her memoir describes it in detail only she can tell.

"It isn't a break I'm freeing from inside of me. It's a... flood and it needs to come pouring out of a big cut," she wrote.

Gross, an author herself and a business reporter, said during the

play, "I never thought people would take my life, my family's life, and make it a case history."

Novosielski was hospitalized for lengthy periods, but — through her family's support and love — she has managed to live at home and hopes to live independently and go to college. Now 22, Novosielski has already published a short memoir and is working on a full-fledged novel. She also depicts her experience visually, including a haunting self-portrait called "Demon," half a face of her true self and half the face her illness renders.

Mom and daughter have so far acted out their performance 14 times in five states. While Novosielski said describing her illness on the stage is "easy, much harder than lying about it," Gross added that she

has struggled with acting out her scenes. For instance, a long scene, where she acts out the roles of both mother and daughter as Novosielski, had a disastrous return from the hospital she said was not easy.

But the pair move from dialogue to monologue with easy grace, and a thankful crowd lingered on to thank the pair after the performance. In that crowd was Dr. Russell Phillips, who had come to watch himself be portrayed. Phillips was Novosielski's former therapist.

The trio looked like old friends and shared multiple hugs, though Novosielski hadn't seen him in years.

In the play, she and her mother describe a Robert Frost-like moment when Phillips tells her she has two paths — either the "road to madness

or the road to sanity," and it was her choice to decide. Once she traveled down either road, she wouldn't be able to turn back.

Phillips acknowledged that it was a bold statement to challenge a young girl like that.

"I didn't have an instantaneous reaction," Novosielski recalled. "It would have to be a change on so many levels. It's not like I can just say, 'I'm going to be sane now. That's my New Year's Resolution.'"

But she gradually did, and she's here now, and Novosielski hopes that "The Dangers of Empathy" can strike a chord with a larger audience.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets monthly in Robbins Library. A national support group for the families and the victims of mental illness, the alliance

offers a wide variety of programs geared toward specific mental illnesses. The local chapter, which covers Somerville, Cambridge, and Arlington meets the first Tuesday of every month at the library's community room.

Next month's meeting hosts author Dr. Xavier Amador, whose book "I'm Not Sick; I Don't Need Help," confronts denial and resistance and treatment of those with mental illness.

The organization also hosts a support group the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Somerville Hospital.

To get more information, contact local chapter president Jane Martin at (617) 491-3459. For a directory of resources, contact the state office in Woburn at 938-4048.

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2nd Annual MEP Career Day — At the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (minority engineering program), Wednesday, March 28, 2001. Contact UMass for information.

OnlineCollegeFair.com — Chat live with admission reps, students and "faculty." Visit www.OnlineCollegeFair.com for complete fair descriptions and registration information.

FAFSA forms are available in the guidance department. See Ms. Fischer.

College financing resources — Massachusetts Education Financing Authority: www.mefa.org; 1-800-449-MEFA. U. Fund College Investing Plan: www.fidelity.com/ufund; 1-800-544-2776.

Mass. Higher Education Info. Center: www.heic.org; 1-800-442-1171.

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Financial Aid Homepage: www.finaid.org.

FastWEB Scholarship Search: www.fastweb.com.

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Federal Student Aid Information Center — Call toll-free 1-800-4-FED-AID, 8 a.m. to noon, seven days a week. Information specialists will answer questions about federal student aid or assist students in completing applications.

Kaplan Free Orientation — Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m. at Arlington High School, for parents and students. Discussion includes competitive PSAT and SAT scores, college admission information, and test-taking strategies.

University of Mass Medical School's High School Health Careers Program — A four week tuition-free residential program that enhances the participants' academic skills, communication skills, and knowledge in science. Participants gain "hands-on" experience by interacting with health providers through on-site internship placements. Program begins Sunday, July 8, 2001; application deadline is March 1, 2001. See Ms. Fischer for application.

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Collegesource — A college search resource provided to Minuteman Library Network patrons on the home-users page. Log on www.mln.lib.ma.us.

College savings programs — U Plan College Savings Program — prepaid tuition program; lock in tomorrow's tuition at today's rates; 82 participating colleges and universities. Call 1-800-449-MEFA for information.

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MIT minority introduction to engineering entrepreneurship and science program — MITE is a six-week summer enrichment program for talented minority high school juniors that prepares them for the challenges and rewards of pursuing careers in science, engineering and high-tech entrepreneurship. For information, see Mrs. Fischer in Main Guidance. For questions about this program, call (617) 253-3298.

Apply 2001 CD-ROMs are available in Guidance. To apply online see Ms. Fischer.

Selective Service Registration — Male students have the responsibility to register so they are not denied benefits such as student loans, federal job training programs and federal employment. Register online at www.sss.gov or at the local post office.

The Guidance Office/Career Center is open daily Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. College information videos and catalogs are available to students and parents.

Seniors: Amtrak coupons for 50 percent off are available in Guidance. These can be used for college visits. See Ms. Fischer if interested.

CSS/financial aid profile information available in the main guidance office for seniors.

Common applications are available in the guidance office.

Open House/Information Sessions

University of Richmond — A regional information session will be held at Dana Hall School in Wellesley, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 10, 2001. To register call 1-800-700-1662.

Lyndon State College, Vt. —

Open House Feb. 10. Call the Admissions Office, (800) 225-1998.

Saint Joseph College, Conn. — Financial Aid Workshop, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 20 and an Open House, Saturday, Feb. 3, at noon.

New England College — To arrange a visit or for information call 1-800-521-7642.

Framingham State College — Saturday sessions will be held on Jan. 27, Feb. 1 and March 3. To schedule a visit call (508) 626-4500.

Adventures in Veterinary Medicine — A two-week long session offered for high school students includes lectures, demonstrations, "shadow" experience, panel discussions, admissions advice, an application-writing workshop, ethics case studies and speakers addressing areas of specialty. Admission to the program remains competitive. No deadline for applying although it is highly recommended that applications be received in early February. Apply online at www.tufts.edu/vet/avm/adventure.html or call (508) 839-7962.

Culinary Institute of America (New York) — Saturday information sessions, Jan. 13, 20, 27. Call 1-800-285-4627.

Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing — Open House, 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 4. Call (781) 396-9250.

Catholic University (D.C.) — Open House, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13. Call 1-800-673-2772.

Emanuel College — Decision Day Program for high school seniors, Monday, Jan. 15. Call (617) 735-9715.

Worcester Polytech Institute — Open House, Monday, Jan. 15. Call (508) 831-5286.

Johnson & Wales College — Open House, Saturday, Jan. 20.

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Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarships — Any high school senior who is a citizen of the U.S. is eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. Applicants will be judged on financial need, leadership and scholarship. Applications must be filed no later than Jan. 12.

Simon Youth Foundation Community Scholarship Program — a one-time monetary scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded. Send a completed application form with an official school transcript and parents' most recently filed tax form by Jan. 14, 2001. Applications are available at the Simon Marketplace (customer information center) at Arsenal Mall or from Ms. Fischer in Main Guidance.

Massachusetts Elks Scholarship — Applicants do not have to be related to a member of the Elks. Completed applications must be accompanied by three letters of recommendation, an official high school transcript, a copy of applicant's birth certificate and parents' W2 form and a copy of the FAFSA form. Applications must be filed no later than Jan. 12, 2001. Applications are available in guidance and must be returned to Ms. Fischer before Feb. 15, 2001.

Cambridge Savings Bank Scholarship — Cambridge Savings Bank offers two \$2500 schol-

arships for one student attending a four-year college and one student attending a vocational/technical school or community college. Applications and information are available from the guidance department. Return applications to Ms. Gorman in the main office by Friday, March 2, 2001.

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Patriot's Trail Girl Scout Council's President's Scholarship Award — Must be a graduating Senior Girl Scout currently registered and active, must have been active in a troop for at least four years, two of which were beyond fifth grade, must have demonstrated significant involvement in her community. The deadline for applications and receipt of references is 4 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2001. Any questions call Francesca Hudson at (617) 482-1078, ext. 276.

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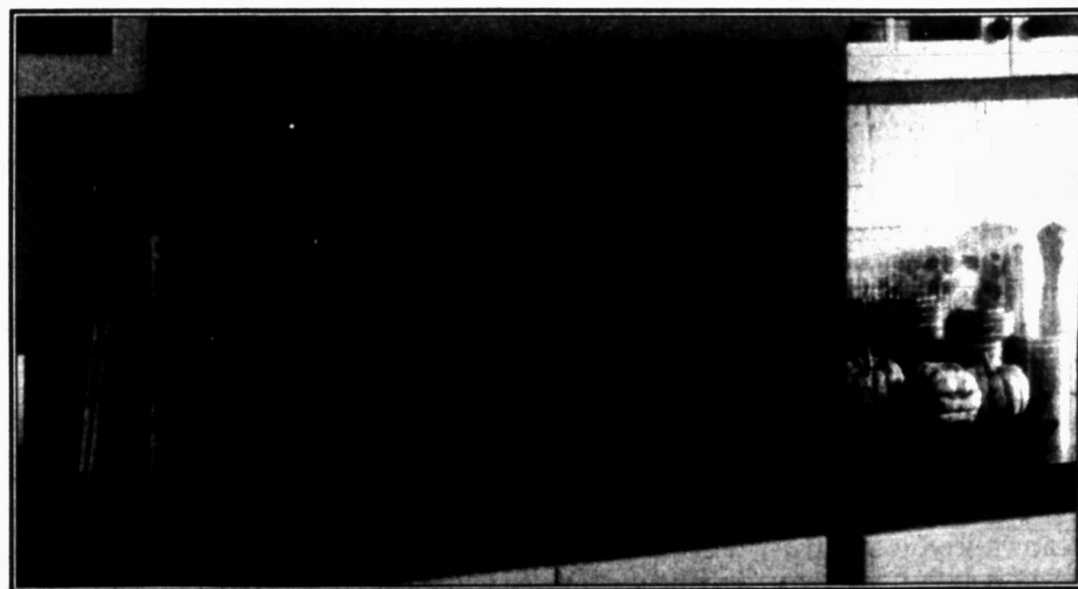
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EDITORIAL

Three trends facing town

The end of a year makes people reflect on the past 12 months. For the past two weeks, *The Advocate* has compiled a list of the biggest stories of 2000.

However, in this space this week, we want to discuss current trends in town and what issues will impact Arlingtonians and their quality of life over the next couple years.

- **Affordability** — The results of the recent property revaluation saw housing values go through the roof. Anyone who follows housing transactions predicted a large jump, but there were many residents still surprised to see their house value jump up to as high as 80 percent.

The rising costs are changing the face of Arlington. It's becoming more difficult for those who have grown up in town to buy a home.

The days of generations of working class families staying in town appear to be over. Hopefully, Arlington won't become the revolving door which is Lexington.

Taking advantage of the school system, many 30-something professionals have moved into Lexington when their children are ready to enter school, but once they graduate from high school, the family moves out to a place with cheaper property and lower taxes.

Arlington still has its working class base, but it is diminishing. Over the next year, the fight between the old guard working class and the newcomer professionals will continue to bubble just below the surface.

- **Development** — Any discussion about potential development begins with the Mugar property, a 16-acre parcel of land along Route 2 in East Arlington.

The land is owned by philanthropist David Mugar and is one of the last remaining tracts of open space in Arlington. Its location is either ideal or disastrous depending on who is talking.

Situated near Cambridge and Belmont, Mugar is looking to build an office complex that East Arlington residents believe will make a flooding problem only worse.

Though discussion about the tract of land stretched through most of 2000, the debate probably won't end this year.

Another property on the minds of Arlingtonians is the former Time Oldsmobile at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Mill Street.

American Properties is looking to build an Osco Drug at the location, which is diagonally across from the Jason Russell House and next to St. Athanasius The Great Greek Orthodox Church.

With Menotomy Pharmacy closing in December, the plan brings even more importance — and potential wealth — for Osco.

The Land Court should have its decision within the next couple of months and it will have a huge impact on Arlington.

A third potential development is at the former Symmes Hospital, which is currently used for office space.

The Board of Selectmen is bringing an article before Town Meeting this year to purchase the land or take it over by eminent domain. Many long-time residents would love to see a hospital use resurrected on the site, but studies have shown that is no longer economically viable.

One possibility is housing, including an affordable component.

These three proposals could have a major impact on Arlington — educationally, since the Symmes housing project would mean more children; financially, with more tax dollars; and transportation, since all three will mean more traffic on Arlington's streets.

- **Waterways** — Entering 2001, Arlington Reservoir, Spy Pond, and Alewife Brook comprise the stealth issue in town. Unless you leave near the three or enjoy them, residents don't realize the dire condition of each.

Residents were awakened to the Res' issues when the dam let go thousands of gallons of water into neighboring properties last spring. However, officials are also exploring the Res' future with questions regarding dam safety, swimming, and environmental impacts.

Spy Pond's shoreline is also in terrible shape. The combination of geese eating vegetation, wave action, overuse, and ice has eroded the shoreline. The breaking-away shoreline has become a safety hazard, in addition to debris in the water, which could cause serious injury.

Those who sail Spy Pond will also tell you that aquatic weeds are choking the pond and make sailing impossible in some sections. The town is going to treat the pond this year, which will temporarily solve the weed problem. But experts also acknowledge that the problem will resurface within a couple years.

Meanwhile, those who live near Alewife Brook tell horror stories of flooding, sewage in basements, and the stench of the waterway after a rainstorm.

At the start of 2001, officials face these three trends, which will loom over town policy for the next five years. Some of the issues can be resolved, but it's going to cost plenty of money and creative solutions.

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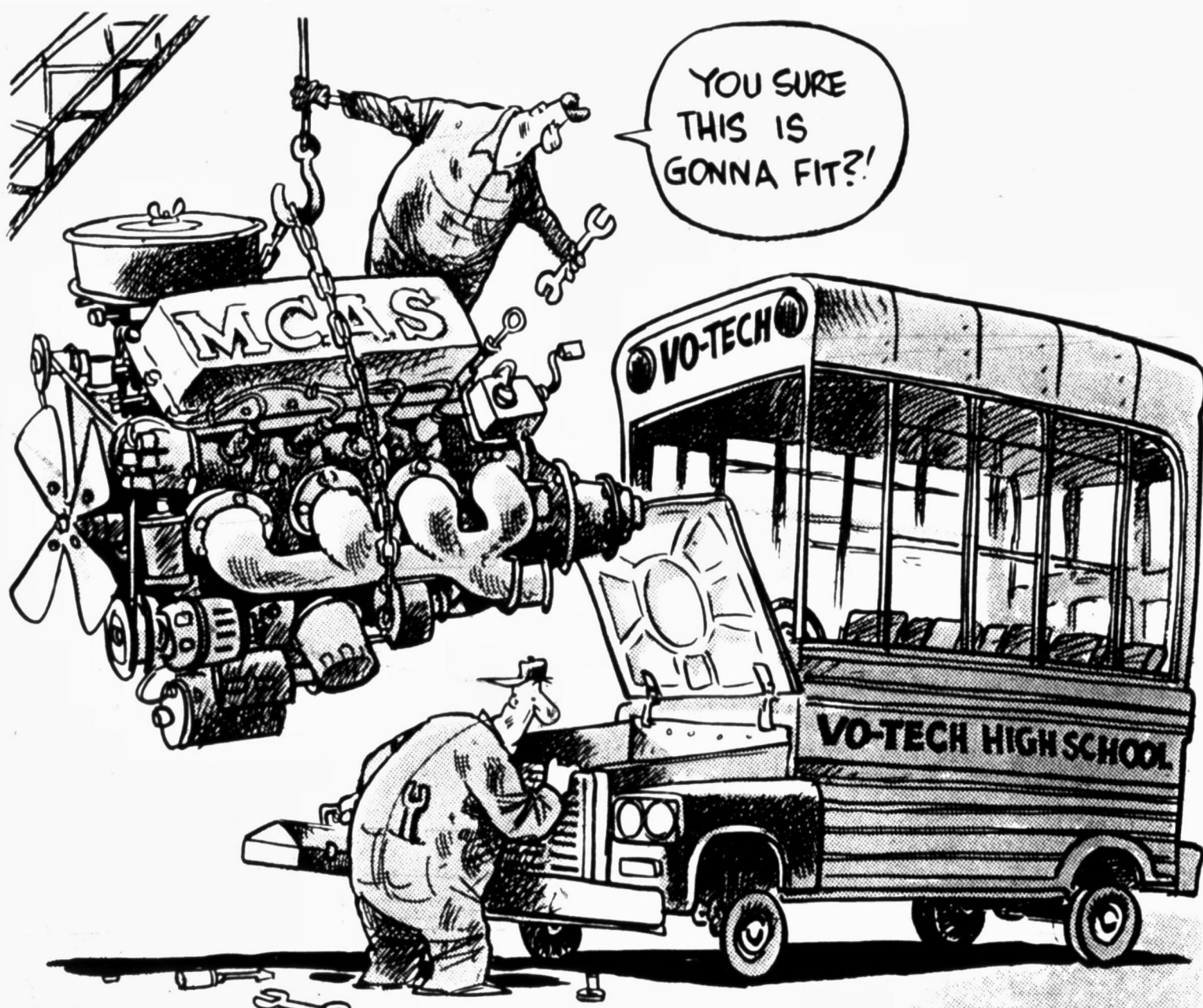
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Benefits to testing

Imagine a ballot question suggesting that voters approve the assertion "Teachers should not be knowledgeable on the subject matter taught to their students." Why, the public would be in an uproar. Of course they should know what they're teaching. They should know a lot about their subject(s).

Anyone who thinks that our public schools are doing the job need only see how poorly American kids are ranked against other students of developed nations, even third world countries. Is this the fault of our teachers? No! But the government school establishment has managed to create an atmosphere of finger pointing, parents vs. teachers. This does not have to be.

Parents want the best education they can get for their children. How do we achieve this? Rebuilding schools? Smaller classrooms? More programs? Not quite. It's time to raise the question, "Are the current methods of evaluating our teachers adequate?" I think not.

An intelligent debate on teacher testing is appropriate, despite the ravings of math teacher James Brown who, like many crazed leftists, lash out with accusations of McCarthyism in defense of the indefensible ("Idea is insulting," Dec. 28 *Advocate*).

Brown, no doubt, is among those who rail against any kind of testing, evidenced by the most recent local protests against the MCAS results. Is the sum of one-plus-one what ever you "feel"?

Clearly, not all teachers are so defensive. Smart, forward-thinking members of the educational community will see the benefits of heightening this debate through a ballot question.

Douglas J. Howard

A disappointed student

I am a seventh grader at the Otton Middle School. I wasn't very happy that I didn't learn anything the Friday before Christmas vacation. I think that 180 school days should be school days of learning. That's what I expect to do when I go to school.

In one class we watched part of Dickens's A Christmas Carol. In the next class we watched a space movie. I enjoyed it, but that was about enough for me. After that, we watched another movie that had nothing to do with education. It was a juvenile Christmas movie that was trying to teach kids that Santa Claus really does

exist. I was bored the whole time, and felt like it was such a horrible movie that it wasn't even worth making fun of. After lunch, the movie was interrupted to eat candy, and then we watched the rest of it.

In seventh period, we all felt like we'd watched enough movies, and were looking forward to doing educational activities. Then the teacher came in, and said that we had to watch another movie instead. We all protested and said that we didn't want to. Half the class had already seen it, the other half didn't care about seeing it, but we all didn't want to see it no matter what. For the first time, the students wanted to work and the teacher said "no." We asked why we couldn't work, and the teacher said that we wouldn't get anything done from all the excitement about the holidays. Maybe a lot of other kids were, but I wasn't all that excited about the holidays. Basically, the teachers forgot that they were the ones who got most of us excited about learning, and they were wasting the opportunity to teach us.

After school I felt like the whole day was a waste. The school might expect a large percentage of the students to skip the last day, but that's only because they leave for vacation one day early remembering from the past that they won't miss much, or like me, would rather spend six hours doing something productive.

Sonia Oram

Changes needed

It is time we stop arresting adults for possessing marijuana. Recently, voters in parts of Essex and Middlesex counties approved Public Policy Questions on the local ballots instructing the district's representative on Beacon Hill to vote for legislation making marijuana possession a civil offense, like a traffic ticket. Police officers are too valuable on the street to be in the station writing reports on their arrests of adult marijuana users.

Read Joan Bello's book, "The Benefits of Marijuana," (Lifeservices Press, P.O. Box 4314, Boca Raton, FL 33429) or go to www.benefitsofmarijuana.com to discover the truth.

Mitch Fava

Idea fragments society

The harsh criticism of my last letter by Lynette Culverhouse ("Responds to letter, Dec. 21 *Advocate*") does not address itself to the question raised by my letter.

If teachers are hired for Arlington public schools who are the best qualified according to criteria which determine teaching ability without regard to race and a large number of people of different races are given the opportunity to apply for each position, then we can be satisfied that they are the best qualified teachers regardless of race.

I asked if the eight minorities were hired in such a manner because a majority of the School Committee had rejected the idea of hiring the best qualified teachers regardless of race. I may not see the answer to that question or I may see only an "answer" that is as inadequate and beside the point as the letter from Lynette Culverhouse, but I am glad I raised the question.

The hiring of Arlington school teachers who are the best qualified regardless of race has been a very important factor in producing a school system to which minority students choose to be bused in order to get a better education than they can get in their hometown. In their hometown, there are far more minority teachers than in Arlington even though in any school system the teachers are more important than the buildings or equipment. If we sacrifice academic standards for "diversity" the students will be the losers whether they are bused in or reside here.

Promoting the idea that the members of certain minority groups can relate well and communicate well only with other members of their groups and that

certain things must be given to them because of the minority group to which they belong will fragment our society.

Harold Ramsey

Thank you

Again, my annual thank you on behalf of the various clubs and organizations of Arlington, for the excellent coverage given for the events of these organizations in the Year 2000.

To recap some of the covered stories, we note: Combined Veterans/Association of Retarded Citizens of Arlington; the Millennium series; election of Edward Marullo as chairman of the Arlington Republican Town Committee; Joseph Guilderson's election as president of the Lions Club; the installation of officers of American Legion Post #39; scholarship recipients for Arlington H.S. and Arlington Catholic H.S. donated by the Retired Men's Club of Arlington; the 70th Anniversary of the Donald F. MacGillivray Post, VFW 1775, Arlington; attendees from Arlington H.S. To Boys and Girls State sponsored by American Legion Post #39, Arlington; distribution of Diplomas to WWII Veterans from Arlington H.S.; and all-year coverage of Activities and Events of the Retired Mens Club of Arlington.

For all of the above, as well as for many too numerous to mention, we applaud the editor and staff of *The Arlington Advocate*, and say: Well done.

Thomas W. Murphy

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OBITUARIES

Palma E. Brock

ARLINGTON — Palma E. Brock, 95, died Dec. 21, 2000, at Meadow Green Nursing Home in Waltham, where she had been a resident for the past three years.

Ms. Brock was born in Denmark and had been a longtime Arlington resident.

She was employed for many years on the clerical staff at the IRS.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 23, at the Forrest Hill Cemetery, Boston.

Arrangements were under the care of the DeVito-O'Donnell Funeral Home, Arlington.

Anna Dickson

ARLINGTON — Anna Dickson, who was born and raised in Arlington, died Dec. 20, 2000 at the Hospice of Virginia. She attended Arlington High School.

During World War II, she served in the Marines.

Ms. Dickson was employed for the United States Government for more than 40 years.

She is survived by four nieces, Liane Cronin of Arlington, Jan Dickson, Judy Luce and Rosemary O'Brien; two nephews, Walter Dickson and Fred Dickson; her beloved friend, Virginia Sheridan; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, in St. Agnes Church in Arlington. Interment will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Arlington.

Arrangements were under the care of the Keefe Funeral Home, Arlington.

Margaret M. Forrest

WOLLASTON — Margaret M. Forrest, 83, formerly of Arlington,

died Dec. 28, 2000, at Winchester Hospital. She was the wife of Richard W. Forrest.

She was born in Brighton, attended Arlington schools and graduated from Arlington High School.

Mrs. Forrest was employed for many years on the clerical staff in the administrative office of the MBTA.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a sister, Catherine Sweeney of Arlington; and several nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late John J. Powers, Anna P. McIsaac, Thomas Powers, and Alice Powers.

A funeral was held Dec. 30, from the Keohane Funeral Home in North Quincy, followed by a funeral Mass in St. Ann's Church. Interment was in Mt. Wollaston Cemetery.

For those who wish, contributions in Mrs. Forrest's memory may be made to St. Ann's School, 1 St. Ann Road, Wollaston, MA 02170.

Edna L. Lyons

ARLINGTON — Edna L. (Blute) Lyons, 75, died Dec. 23, 2000, at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge following a lengthy illness. She was the wife of Leonard A. Lyons.

She was a former longtime employee of Hillside Nursing Home in Arlington, where she worked in administration.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four sons, Tony Lyons and his wife, Sheila, of Boston, John Lyons and his wife, Claire, of Pawling, N.Y., William Lyons of Somerville, and Robert Lyons of Arlington; a daughter, Christine Dunn and her husband, John, of Burlington; a brother, John Blute of Somerville; three sis-

ters, Sr. Ann Mary Blute of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Ann Edwards of California, and Janet Keating of Stoneham; a sister-in-law, Ellie Blute of Somerville; and five grandchildren. She was also the mother of the late John Leonard Lyons and Ann Mary Lyons, and the sister of the late Alice Edwards, Eileen Borghi and Lawrence Blute.

A funeral was held from the DeVito-O'Donnell Funeral Home in Arlington, followed by a funeral Mass in St. James Church. Interment was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Marie L. Macdonald

ARLINGTON — Marie L. Macdonald, 74, died Dec. 26, 2000, at Youville Hospital in Cambridge. She was the wife of Richard C. Macdonald.

She was born in Cambridge on Dec. 17, 1926, the daughter of the late Ralph and Mildred (Birmingham) O'Neil. She was a lifelong Arlington resident.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Richard C. Macdonald of Belmont, Ralph Macdonald of Arlington, and James Macdonald of Wakefield; three daughters, Marie E. Macdonald of Marshfield, Michelle Levere of W. Hartford, Conn., and Laura Clancy of Marshfield; a sister, Mildred Macdonald of Melrose; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Jean Stanton.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 30, in St. James Church in Arlington. Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Arlington.

Arrangements were under the care of the Keefe Funeral Home Inc., Arlington.

Louis D. Magliozzi

ARLINGTON — Louis D. Magliozzi, 93, of Arlington, died Dec. 27, 2000. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth (Camilio) Magliozzi.

He was born in Cambridge and had been a longtime Arlington resident.

Mr. Magliozzi was the proprietor of M&D Fuel Company in Cambridge from 1945, until he retired in 1972.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas Magliozzi and Raymond Magliozzi, both of Arlington; a daughter, Lucille Magliozzi of Lexington; a brother, Donald Brennan of Arlington; two sisters, Josephine Calareso of Charlestown, and Ann Scali of Somerville; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was also the brother of the late John and Peter Magliozzi, Santina Miathe, Susan DiCarlo, and Mary Sabella.

A funeral was held Dec. 30, from the DeVito-O'Donnell Funeral Home in Arlington Heights, followed by a funeral Mass in St. Camillus Church. Interment was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

For those who wish, contributions in Mr. Magliozzi's memory may be made to Hospice Care Inc., 41 Montvale Ave., Stoneham, MA 02180.

Sylvia S. Milley

ARLINGTON — Sylvia S. Milley, 70, died Dec. 27, 2000, at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington following a lengthy illness. She was the wife of the late Jack Milley.

She was born in Melrose on Sept. 15, 1927, the daughter of the late Elmer and Violet (Savory) Chesley.

Mrs. Milley is a veteran of the

Korean Conflict and a member of the Pelham, N.H. American Legion.

She is survived by a son, John B. Milley of Arlington; a daughter, Patricia E. Tocci of Framingham; a brother-in-law, Thomas Garside of Arlington; and one granddaughter. She was also the sister of the late Earl Chesley, Elmer (Babe) Chesley, Lorraine Kirby, and Violet O'Keefe.

A funeral service was held Dec. 30, from the Keefe Funeral Home in Arlington. Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Arlington.

For those who wish, contributions in Mrs. Milley's memory may be made to the VNA of Middlesex East, 607 North Ave., Suite 17, Wakefield, MA 01880.

Harriet Pagliuca

ARLINGTON — Harriet Pagliuca, 82, died Dec. 23, 2000, at Maples Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Wrentham following a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Angelo Pagliuca.

She is survived by three daughters, Mary Hanson of Florida, Frances DePippo of Wrentham, and Eleanor Huckins of Chelmsford; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 28, in St. James Church in Arlington. Interment was private.

For those who wish, contributions in Mrs. Pagliuca's memory may be made to Minuteman Senior Services, 24 Third Ave., Burlington, MA 01803.

Josephine P.**Paragona-Miller**

ARLINGTON — Josephine P. (Murphy) Paragona-Miller, 92, died Dec. 26, 2000, at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center follow-

ing a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Osborne Miller.

Mrs. Paragona-Miller was born in Somerville and was a longtime Arlington resident.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Miller of Florida and Donald Miller of California; a daughter, Marilyn Hammond of Lynnfield; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral was held Dec. 29, from the DeVito-O'Donnell Funeral Home in Arlington Heights, followed by a funeral Mass in St. James Church. Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Arlington.

Yvonne Taylor

BELMONT — Yvonne Taylor, 95, formerly of Arlington, died Jan. 1, 2001, at Belmont Manor Nursing Home in Belmont. She was the wife of the late William Taylor.

She was born in Old Town, Maine, on Oct. 13, 1905, the daughter of the late Oresine and Odelie (Desjardins) Landry.

She is survived by a son, Wilfred Taylor and his wife, Claire, of Belmont; two daughters, Edith Jones and her husband, Robert, of Dennis, and Grace Tyler and her husband, Herbert, of Maine; a sister, Pauline Littlefield of Arlington; 11 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. today, Jan. 4, in St. Agnes Church in Arlington. Interment was in Cambridge Catholic Cemetery, Cambridge.

For those who wish, contributions in Mrs. Taylor's memory may be made to Hospice, 254 South St., Waltham, MA.

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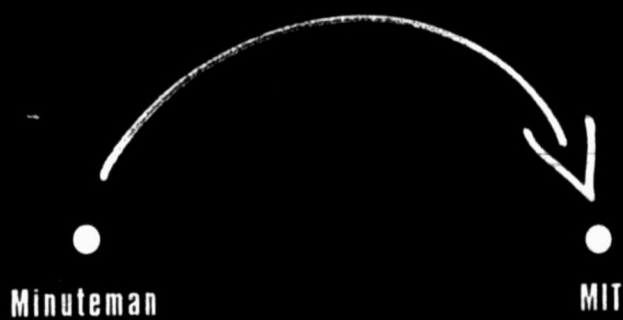
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All calendar events are for the week beginning Thursday.

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The deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, eight days prior to publication.

Please include a daytime telephone number for confirmation.

LOCAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

World of Snowdomes

Arlington Center for the Arts, 41 Foster St., Arlington. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Jan. 26, 2001. Arlington Center for the Arts presents a benefit exhibit "Winter Wonderland: The Frosty World of Snowdomes." Display of snowdomes, as well as an art exhibit of floating work with winter themes. Free. Call (781) 648-6220.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Culture Club

Arlington Center for the Arts, 41 Foster St., Arlington. Fridays, Jan. through March nights. Families create keepsakes while chasing away the winter blues at Culture Club Art Nights. These one or two-session classes are designed for children ages 5-13 and parents of any age to attend together. Tuition for one night workshops is \$20 for one adult member and one child; \$25 for one adult nonmember and one child. For two-night workshops, the tuition is \$28 for one adult member and one child; \$35 for one adult nonmember and one child. Fee for additional persons is \$5 for each additional child and \$7 per additional adult. Jan. 26: Pop-Up Books. Jan. 26 and Feb. 2: Memory Boxes. Feb. 2: Family Portraits & Stories in Printing. (Tuition for this class is \$25 members, \$30 nonmembers.) Feb. 9 and 16: Clay Magic. Feb. 9 and 16: Cultural Maskmaking & Theatre. March 2: Magical Landscapes in Watercolors. March 2: Great Things in the Skies. Call (781) 648-6220.

Dance Friday

Arlington Town Hall, 730 Mass. Ave., Arlington Center. Fridays, 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Dance Friday is a weekly event where one can dance barefoot any way they like to all kinds of music in a smoke- and alcohol-free environment. \$7 for adults, \$4 for teens. Children younger than 12 are free if accompanied by a supervising adult. Free municipal parking available. Sponsored by Movement Collective Inc. Call (617) 924-7276.

Again To Cherish

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Arlington. Friday, Jan. 5, 8 p.m. Again To Cherish with Aude Clancy, Bridget Fitzgerald and Patty Furlong take the stage \$15.50 in advance, \$17 day of show. Children younger than 12 pay half price. Call (781) 862-7837.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Children's Festival Chorus

First Baptist Church, 819 Mass. Ave., Arlington. Saturday, Jan. 6, noon to 1 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 7, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 13, 2-3 p.m. All 4th, 5th and 6th graders are invited to join the Children's Festival Chorus as part of the town-wide Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, which takes place at the church Jan. 15. Director is Frank Toppa. A potluck precedes the Jan. 15 program. Rehearsals include a workshop of additional songs about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Call (781) 643-3024 to sign up.

Artbeat

Artbeat, 212A Mass. Ave., Arlington. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 6 and 7, 3-5 p.m.; Painting Studio, \$7 and up. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 13 and 14, 3-5 p.m.; Sp-

ral Snowflake Mobile, \$8. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20 and 21, 3-5 p.m.; Winter Warm-up, Wild and Woolly Heart, \$8. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 27 and 28, 3-5 p.m.; Decoupage Heart Door Chime. Call (781) 646-2200.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Cantilena

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Mass. Ave., Arlington. Mondays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 7:30-10 p.m. Auditions for women's choral ensemble follow open rehearsals. Soprano I auditions are particularly encouraged. Sight reading and choral experience helpful. Kenneth Seitz, director. Wheelchair accessible. Call (781) 935-6438.

Arlington-Belmont Chorale

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Route 2 Access Road, Arlington. Mondays, 7-8:45 p.m. Barry Singer conducts the Arlington-Belmont Chorale. Rehearsing the music of Mozart and Brahms. No auditions. Call (617) 489-3113 or (617) 484-1258.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Breast cancer support

Arlington location. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 4-5:15 p.m. The Arlington Breast Cancer Support Group meets every Tuesday. Call Mary Lewis Sheehan R.N. for phone interview and details. Call (781) 641-3700.

ETCETERA

Singing Grandpops

VN Assisted Living, 259 Lowell St., Somerville. Tuesdays, Jan. 9, 2 p.m. Little Sisters, Highland Avenue, Somerville. Thursdays, Jan. 18, 2 p.m. Quigley Hospital, Chelsea. Thursdays, Feb. 2, 2 p.m. Don Or-one Nursing Home, East Boston. Monday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m. The Singing Grandpops perform at various locations.

Swinging Saturdays

Arlington Town Hall, Mass. Ave., Arlington Center. Saturday, Jan. 13, 7:30-8:15 p.m., free dance lesson; 8:30 p.m., dancing starts. Don V & 18-piece Swing Out Big Band entertain at Swinging Saturdays. Guest DJ is Marie Lawlor. \$12. Free dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. with paid admission. Call (508) 481-3911.

Flu shots

CVS, 2325 Mass. Ave., East Arlington. Sunday, Jan. 14, 1-3 p.m. The Visiting Nurse & Community Health Inc., Arlington administers flu shots. Anyone over age 14 is eligible for a flu shot. Parental consent is needed for minors. \$12 per shot, except for senior citizens over 65 with insurance coverage from Medicare, Secure Horizons or First Seniority. Be sure to bring insurance card so the organization can bill these insurers. Call Joan Jerome-Connie, (781) 643-6090. Ext. 273.

Be Our Guest

Concord Museum, 200 Lexington Road, Concord. Sunday, Jan. 14, 1-4 p.m. Concord Museum presents Be Our Guest! Admission-free afternoons for residents of Concord, Carlisle, Arlington, Billerica, Burlington, Lincoln and Waltham. The Museum invites residents to visit for the first time or revisit favorite galleries and the special exhibitions. Period room settings, audio presentations and creative hands-on activities. Highlights include "Why Concord?" six history galleries accompanied by a film, "Exploring Concord"; decorative arts, featuring Concord-made clocks, silver and furniture; Native American stone tools; the lantern that signaled Paul Revere's famous ride; Emerson's study where he wrote his essays; and the world's largest collection of Thoreau's possessions, including the desk on which he wrote "Civil Disobedience" and "Walden" special exhibit, "Keeping Time: Clockmaking in Concord, 1790-1835." Sponsored in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Call (978) 369-9609.

Doll workshop

Artbeat, 212A Mass. Ave., Arlington. Monday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artbeat offers a Children of the World Dolls workshop in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Children choose a soft doll body from a selection of 7-inch and 12-inch dolls in a variety of skin tones. They create a face of their choosing, glue or sew on hair and make a costume from fabric, felt, buttons and glue. \$8-\$12. Call (781) 646-2200.



ON VIEW — The Cornelius Ayer Wood Gallery at Middlesex School, 1400 Lowell Road, Concord, will present Leif-Sanne Doo of Arlington's "Where the Eye Travels" Paintings and Monoprints from Thursday, Jan. 4, through Thursday, Feb. 1. An opening reception will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m. Shown here is "Maraschino," acrylic/wood, 9 inches by 6 inches. Call (978) 369-2550.

Writers & Poets

Robbins Library, 700 Mass. Ave., Arlington. Thursdays, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m. Arlington Center for the Arts presents Judith Nasse, April Ossmann and Julia Lisella. Free, with donations welcome. Call (781) 648-6220.

Dance classes, workshop

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Mass. Ave., Arlington. Monday, Jan. 18. Five-week dance classes and workshops begin. \$55, five-week classes; \$25 workshops. Salsa, 6:30 p.m.; Swing, 7:45 p.m. Child care available. RSVP. Presented by Dance Caliente. Call (781) 646-1233.

Trips

The Retired Men's Club of Arlington sponsors a trip to Daytona Beach, Fla. Jan. 19-Feb. 3, \$979.00 dbl occup. Feb. 17-March 4, \$1,099 dbl occup. March 10-25, \$1,049 dbl occup. Optional side trips available for additional charges. Tour includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 11 nights first class accommodations, four nights first-class accommodations to and from Florida, entertainment, featuring three dinner shows; daily activities in Daytona, including Bingo, line dancing and free transportation to the Daytona Flea Market and Dog Track; nine meals, four breakfasts, one continental breakfast and four dinners; on-site coordinator in Daytona; welcome and farewell parties; ladies' fashion show; ballroom dancing instruction and free dance time. Special option to Marco Island available on February tour only. Send \$50 deposit to Guy Catanzano, 235 Winthrop St., Unit #4404, Medford, MA 02155. Call (781) 395-1734.

Foxwoods trip

Leaving from Arlington, Thursday, Jan. 25. Sons of Italy Ladies Lodge of Arlington are planning a trip to Foxwoods to benefit the Scholarship Fund. \$20 per person includes bus fare, driver's tip, \$10 in food certificates, \$10 for Keno games. Riders play games on their way to Foxwoods and watch a movie on the trip home. Call Theresa Agn, (781) 648-3235, for reservations.

Dental assisting program

Minuteman Regional High School, 758

Marrett Road, Lexington. Monday-Friday, Jan. 31-June 10, 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Residents of Minuteman's 16-town district (Acton, Arlington, Belmont, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington, Lincoln, Needham, Stow, Sudbury, Wayland and Weston), who are accepted into the adult dental assisting program do not pay tuition. Out-of-district residents who are accepted into the program may attend on a tuition paying basis. Applicants must have either a high school diploma or a GED, and must perform satisfactorily on a reading test and during an interview. Call (781) 861-7150 for an application.

Vacation Camps

Arlington Center for the Arts, 41 Foster St., Arlington. Feb. 19-23, Carnival. April 16-20, Jolly Old England. Arlington Center for the Arts offers vacation arts camps. Full-day, half-day and extended day programs available. \$145-\$220. Call (781) 648-6220.

Retired Men's Club

The Arlington Retired Men's Club sponsors trips to various locations. **Overnight trips:** Atlantic City Casino Resort, featuring Bally's Park Place. March 21-23, \$164; \$234 single; \$40 deposit due with reservations, final payment due Feb. 21. Call Guy Catanzano, (781) 395-1734, Frank Marnella, (781) 395-8918, Joe Puccio, (781) 245-1490, Ed Corsino, (617) 489-2799. Daytona Beach 16-day tours Jan. 19-Feb. 2, \$979 pp dbl. occ. Feb. 17-March 4, \$1,099; March 10-24, \$1,049. Call Guy Catanzano, (781) 395-1734.

Fit after pregnancy

Mount Auburn Hospital Physical and Occupational Therapy, 22 Mill St., Arlington. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Mount Auburn Hospital's Physical and Occupational Therapy offers a postpartum exercise program for women who are six weeks postpartum. Mothers may bring along their babies and are cautioned to check with their physicians before joining. \$70 for six-week program. Call (781) 643-6489 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Free health services

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Arlington, 1951

Matignon High School, Class of 1951, announces that plans are underway for the class's 50th reunion in June 2001. Committee members are interested in contacting the following classmates: Elizabeth A. Carter, Elinor M. Collins, Marjorie Donnelly, Ruth O'Neil Darling, Lorraine J. Ford, William P. Francis, Dorothy O'Donnell Gavin, Constance B. Gutowski, Catherine P. Kearney, Helen Kelly Lally, Eileen Duke Madigan, Francis McDevitt, Genevieve A. Medeiros, Mary T.O. Donnell, Sheila A. O'Donnell, Kathryn M. O'Hara, Francis W. Taft, Marjorie A. Tynan, and Catherine Barry Venezia. Call (617) 876-1212, Ext. 140 or www.wshine.com/mhs51.html.

CHLS 60th reunion

Boston Marriott Newton Hotel, Exit 24, off Route 128, Newton. Sunday, May 6, 2001, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 60th reunion of Cambridge High and Latin's Class of 1940 is celebrated by a brunch. \$45 reservations must be sent by Jan. 15 to Ms. Toni Lakis, 26D Bradbury St., Cambridge, MA 02138. Call (617) 864-7040.

Volunteers needed

The Minuteman Ombudsman Program serving facilities in Lexington, Bedford, Arlington and other communities covered by Minuteman Senior Services is looking for volunteers, about two hours a week, to visit elderly nursing home residents. All ages are welcome. Volunteers must provide their own transportation, but will be reimbursed for mileage. Call Beverly or Sharon, (781) 861-0896.

Volunteer drivers needed

The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers from Arlington, Belmont, Burlington, Lexington, Stoneham Winchester and Woburn to drive cancer patients to their treatment appointments. Those who have a car and some time available between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. can make a real difference in someone's life. Volunteers receive training from the American Cancer Society and are asked to volunteer for one or two mornings or afternoons each month. Drivers' availability is matched with the needs of patients who call ACS provides limited reimbursement for parking, tolls and mileage. For more information or to volunteer as a Road to Recovery driver, call the American Cancer Society, (617) 556-7400 or visit www.cancer.org.

Volunteers needed

Cooperative Elder Services Inc., Burlington. Cooperative Elder Services Inc. needs volunteers to help serve meals, assist with activities, or provide individual attention to elderly clients at their Arlington and Burlington centers. Call (781) 641-1018.

Cancer screening

Deaconess-Waltham Hospital, Waltham. The Breast and Cervical Health Screening Program at the Deaconess-Waltham Hospital now provides expanded free health services to uninsured or underinsured low-income women. Free services include a mammogram and a doctor's visit with a Pap test. Eligible women 18 and older may qualify for some or all offered services. Call (781) 647-6606 for details.

Overeaters Anonymous

Pleasant Street Congregational Church, Route 60, Arlington. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous offers free meetings. Call (781) 641-2303.

Overeaters Anonymous

Follen Unitarian Church, 755 Mass. Ave., Lexington. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous meets. Call (781) 643-9338.

Bridge Club

Pleasant Street Congregational Church, 75 Pleasant St., Arlington. Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. The Bridge Club offers an evening of duplicate bridge every Wednesday. Beginners welcome; partners guaranteed. \$4. ACBL sanctioned. Call Don Peters, (781) 641-1334.

Food Addicts

Lower Level, Fox Library, Mass. Ave., Arlington. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, a 12-step program for individuals recovering from overeating, bulimia and anorexia, welcomes newcomers. Call (781) 321-9118.

Overeaters Anonymous

Fourth Floor Conference Room, Robbins Library, 700 Mass. Ave., Arlington. Every Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. OA, a group of individuals who share an addiction to food and suffer from compulsive eating and other eating disorders, meets. Call (781) 641-2303.

Overeaters Anonymous

Calvary Methodist Church, 300 Mass. Ave., Arlington. Every Saturday, 10 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous meets. Free. Call (781) 641-2303.

Volunteer positions

Minuteman Senior Services volunteers help homebound elders keep in touch with the world around them. Volunteer positions include Friendly Visitor, Grocery Shopper and Medical Transport. Positions are available in the towns of Arlington, Woburn and Lexington. Call Debby Colgan, (781) 272-7177, Ext. 223.

Babe Ruth

Arlington Recreation Office. Babe Ruth is having registration. Winter Clinics are Jan. 20, Feb. 10 and March 10, 2:30-4:30 p.m. \$10 per clinic. Must pre-register. Call Jack Lepore, (781) 646-8424, or Al Ticehurst, (781) 648-4071.

Scholarships

Order Sons of Italy in Massachusetts is offering scholarships to high school seniors who will attend a four-year accredited college. See guidance counselor for an application. Deadline postmark no later than March 1, 2001.

Farm photos

Parlor of Arlington U/U Church, side entrance, opposite Robbins Library. Open office hours and midday Sunday through December. Oakes Plimpton's Farm Photos and Robin Plimpton-Magee's black and whites are on view. Also, Robbins Farm and Farmers' Market materials.

Call for Artists

Arlington Center for the Arts, 41 Foster St., Arlington. The Arlington Center for the Arts has opportunities for artists and crafters to show their work. Entry forms and additional information available by calling the Center. **Annual Heart of the Arts Festival**, May 5, 2001; craft show and sale deadline, March 9, 2001. **Community Art Exhibit**: March 30 deadline to register. May 4 to deliver work. **My World: Exhibit of the Work of High School Artists**, featuring the work of high school students from Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Lexington, Medford, Somerville and Winchester. Gibbs Gallery: proposals sought for group (two or more artists) exhibitions in all media for the Gibbs Gallery. Exhibitions may be organized by out-side curators or by individual artists (deadline: Feb. 1, 2001). Call (781) 648-6220.

Person of the Year

The Arlington Rotary Club is seeking nominations for the 6th annual "Community Person of the Year" award. The nominee should be someone who has demonstrated significantly of his/her time, money and/or expertise to community agencies or organizations in ways that seek to improve the lives of Arlington's needy, youth or seniors. Send nomination letters including the nominee's contributions to Rotary Community Person of the Year Committee, Arlington Rotary Club, P.O. Box 23, Arlington, MA 02474.

Auditions, rehearsals


St. Camillus Church Hall, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington. Every Monday, 7:30-10:30 p.m. The Liberty Belle Chorus of Sweet Adeline's International, an award-winning women's chorus rehearsing in Arlington, is seeking average adult singers of all ages. The ability to read music is not necessary; learning tapes are provided. Singers must be able to carry a tune and be interested in ensemble singing and four-part a cappella harmony. Directed by Barbara Braxten, the chorus entertains with ballads, Broadway and blues songs and choreography. Call (617) 735-9254 or (800) 369-7400.

REGIONAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Art exhibit

Winchester Public Library, Winchester. Thursday, Jan. 4, through Jan. 31, with an opening reception Saturday, Jan. 6, 2-4:30 p.m. An exhibit featuring artwork in a variety of media by members of the Winchester Artists Network is on view. Refreshments. Call (781) 729-3306.



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CENICIENTA



STAFF PHOTO BY LISA CASSIDY
Deidre Sheehan, left plays a stepsister, and Alisa Peterson, the stepmother, in the Brackett School's after-school Spanish program production of "Cenicienta" (Cinderella). The play was performed entirely in Spanish Dec. 21.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

corn, personal pan pizza, seasoned potatoes, veggie sticks.

Week of Jan. 8

Monday

Beef burrito with salsa, rice, corn.

Tuesday

Veggie pasta, Caesar salad, yogurt.

Wednesday

Roast turkey, baked potato, green beans, cranberry sauce.

Thursday

Jumbo taco boat, rice, melon.

Friday

Roast pork loin, mashed potatoes, peas, applesauce.

Sandwiches, salad, pizza, pasta, stir fry veggies, grill, and daily specials also offered daily. Fruit, vegetable, bread and milk served with all meals.

ELEMENTARY

Monday

Waffles, potato puffs, sausage, juice, chicken nuggets, dipping sauce, rice.

Tuesday

Macaroni and cheese, green beans, pita bread, chicken burger, lettuce and tomato, yogurt, peaches, fresh fruit salad with yogurt, cheese cubes, multigrain bread.

Wednesday

Honey Dijon chicken nuggets, rice, melon, toasted ham and cheese, seasoned potatoes, Italian rice, antipasto salad, French bread, Italian ice.

Thursday

Pepperoni pan pizza, salad, celery sticks, chicken McSchool sandwich with bacon and cheese, fruit yogurt, fresh fruit salad, cheese sandwich, yogurt.

Friday

Pasta with tomato sauce, salad, multigrain roll, calzone, rice, veggie sticks and dip, egg salad sandwich, pretzels, grape juice.

Fruit, vegetable, bread and milk served with every meal.

Community ed programs

Arlington Community Education's winter session is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Jan. 23, at Arlington High School, 869 Mass. Ave. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7.

There are no age limits, and all Arlington residents as well as non-residents are welcome.

If you are an Arlington resident and did not receive your copy of the brochure, you may pick one up at the Fox or Robbins Libraries. You may call 316-3568 to request a brochure in the New Year. Fees range from \$15 to \$185 per course.

Registration will be accepted by mail, walk-in, or by phone if using Visa or MasterCard.

Questions? Call Molly Leong at 316-3568.

Information about Arlington Community Education is on the town Web site at <http://www.town.arlington.ma.us/schools/commmed.htm>.

The following is a list of the courses being offered this session (listed by course, time & dates and course cost):

ABCD's of Effective Presentations, Tuesday, 7-9:30 3/13, 1 week, \$30;

Astrology, Look to the Stars, Thursday, 7-9:21, 2/8, 2 weeks, \$45; Ballroom Dancing, Thursday, 8:30-10 1/25, 10 weeks, \$145/couple;

Ballroom Dancing 2, Thursday, 7-8:30 1/25, 10 weeks, \$145/couple; Calligraphy, Tuesday, 7-9 1/23-3/20, 8 weeks, \$88;

Colonial Life: 1775, Tuesday, 7-9, 2/6, 13, 27, 3 weeks, \$48; Commonwealth Dog Basic Training, Tuesday, 7-8, 1/23-3/13 7 weeks, \$126;

Commonwealth Dog Training Advanced, Tuesday, 8-9, 1/23-3/13, 7 weeks, \$126;

Community CPR, Thursday, 6-10 2/18 6-10, 2 weeks, \$40; Driver's Education, Monday, M-F, 3/5-3/23 or 4/2-4/27, \$80;

Enrich Your Life Through Writing, Tuesday, 7-9, 2/27, 3/6, 2 weeks, \$45;

ESL-intermediate, Tuesday, 7-9, 1/23-4/10, 10 weeks, \$95;

Estate Planning: Completing the Circle, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30, 2/6, 1 week, \$30;

Excel for Beginners, Tuesday, 7-9, 9/26-10/24, 5 weeks, \$110; Exploring New Dimensions, Thursday, 7-9, 3/18, 15, 3 weeks, \$38;

Fears and Phobias, Tuesday, 7-8:30, 2/6, 13, 2 weeks, \$21;

First Aid Basics, Thursday, 6-10, 2/15, \$40;

French - Brackett School, Wednesday, 2:30-3:30, 1/25 12 weeks, \$161/\$146;

French - Stratton School, Wednesday, 2:45-3:45, 1/24 12 weeks, \$161/\$146;

French - Thompson School, Tuesday, 2:45-3:45, 1/24, 12 weeks, \$161/\$146;

Guatemalan Cooking, Tuesday, 7-9, 3/6, 1 week, \$15;

Hand Drumming for Beginners, Thursday, 7-8:30 1/25 - 3/2, 28 weeks, \$121;

Healing & Preventing Repetitive Stress Injuries, Tuesday, 7-9, 4/3 1 week, \$25;

How Much Will You Pay For College, Thursday, 7-9, 10/5, 1 week, \$30;

How to Add Volumes to Your Vocabulary, Tuesday, 7-9:30, 4/3, 1 wk., \$30;

How to Protect Your Life Savings, Tuesday, 7-9, 3/6, 1 week, \$30;

Introduction to Computers I, Thursday, 7-9, 1/25, 10 weeks, \$150;

Investing With a Purpose: What Every Woman Should, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30, 1/30, 1 week, \$30;

Japanese at Peirce School, Wednesday, 2:45-3:45, 9/30, 10 weeks, \$161/\$146;

Lower The Cost Of College, Thursday, 7-9, 1/25, 1 week, \$30;

Mad Science - Dallin - Gr. 1-3, Tuesday, 2:45-3:45, 1/23, 8 weeks, \$88;

Mad Science - Peirce Gr. 1-3, Thursday, 2:45-3:45 1/23, 8 weeks, \$88;

Madeleine's One Nighters, Tuesday, 7-10, 2/6, 3/6, 2/27, 4/3, \$15 ea.;

Medicaid Annuities, Thursday, 7-9, 3/15, 1 week, \$45;

Meditation/Stress Release, Thursday, 7-9, 2/15, 1 week, \$25;

Microsoft Word Part I, Tuesday, 7-9, 1/23, 10 weeks, \$150;

Paper Basket Weaving, Tuesday, 7-9, 2/6, 13, 27 & 3/6, 4 weeks, \$65;

PSAT/SAT, Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30-9:30, 12 weeks, \$759/\$683;

PowerPoint, Tuesday, 2/6, 7-9, 1 week, \$35;

Real Estate First-Time Homebuyers, Tuesday, 7-9, 3/27, 4/3, 2 weeks, \$57;

Sewing, Tuesday, 7-9:30, 10 weeks, \$90;

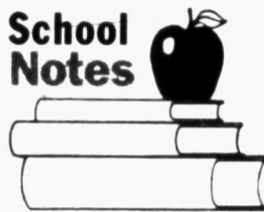
Sharpening Your Conversation & Listening Skills, Tuesday, 7-9:30, 3/27, 1 week, \$33;

Shotokan Karate, Tuesday, 7-8:30, 2/6-3/27, 6 weeks, \$90;

Spanish I, Tuesday, 7-9, 1/23, 10 weeks, \$105;

Spanish II, Thursday, 7-9, 1/25, 10 weeks, \$105;

Spanish - Brackett School, Thursday, 2:30-3:30, 1/27, 12 weeks, \$146/\$146;



SCHOOL NOTES

Spanish - Hardy School @ Brackett, Tuesday, 2:45-3:45, 1/23, 12 weeks, \$161 or \$146;

Thompson gets new PC

Thompson Principal Michael E. McCabe has sent a thank you to Greg Anderson of Arlington for his help in making the school a partner in the Stop & Shop Back to a Better School Program.

Thompson received a new Pentium III PC with monitor and printer in December thanks to the program.

"We immediately put it into service in a fifth-grade classroom," McCabe said.

"Your children can graduate from Thompson, but you never really leave," he wrote to Anderson.

Greg Anderson, from Anderson Florists, is a former Thompson parent. He and his wife, Nola, have three sons, all of whom attended Thompson.

Safe phone needs help

Beginning in January, a volunteer is needed on Thursdays to check the messages against the absence list at Dallin School. This important task takes about 15 minutes. If you can help, call Bonnie (648-3855) or Barbara (648-8228).

Daisy leaders needed

At least five kindergarten girls have recently expressed interest in joining the Daisy Girl Scouts at Dallin, but the troop is full.

Leaders seek two adults willing to lead another small troop. If you are interested in becoming a leader, or if you have a kindergarten girl who is interested in joining, call Cathie (641-1534).

Upcoming at Peirce

• Jan. 3, PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• Jan. 18, winter craft and story hour at 2:30 p.m.

Bishop coat drive

Two Bishop parents have organized a Bishop School coat drive for Casa Myrna Vazquez, a shelter for women and children in Somerville.

Alison Peterson and Wendy Stuart are seeking coats, snowpants and also seasonal clothes in good condition for women and children. Please make sure all clothes are clean and in good condition.

A centrally-located box for collecting clothes is in the main entrance at Bishop.

The collection started Dec. 18 and continues through Jan. 5.

Organizing the drive are Bishop parents who are part of the PTO.

Upcoming at Brackett

• The next School Council meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m.

• The next PTO meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the school.

Stratton seeks books

The Stratton PTO Library Committee would like to invite Stratton families to consider donating books to the Stratton library through the Celebration Gift Book program.

Books may be donated in honor of a family or community member or as an acknowledgment of that special teacher in your child's life.

A wish list of books is available in December's monthly school newsletter, in the library or by calling Joan McDermott (646-6287).

Upcoming at Stratton:

• Jan. 26 PTO family dance at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

• Feb. 10 Country Sweetheart Dance and BBQ at Arlington Town Hall.

Book club

A children's literature book club for (K-5) parents and teachers is scheduled to continue from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Brackett School auditorium.

Participants are reading Caldecott, Newbery, classic, best sellers and multicultural selections. The first of the six sessions was Dec. 5.

Appropriate selections and discussion questions will be provided for the primary (K-2) and intermediate levels (3-5).

Other sessions will be held Feb. 12, Peirce School Library; March 7, Fox Library; April 5, Stratton School Auditorium; and May 3, Robbins Library.

The aim is to read and enjoy some of the best children's literature.

If you want to be part of the book club, but didn't attend the opening session, sign up by calling the Robbins Children's Library at (781) 316-3234.

School news, events

Tell the public the news about your public school by telling Bob Sprague, communication specialist for Arlington public schools. E-mail school-related items to bsprague1@rcn.com or call 641-4490 by 10:30 a.m. any Monday for publication in The Advocate the following Thursday. He also posts school information on the town's Web site, Arlington Online, at: <http://www.town.arlington.ma.us/> and lists upcoming school events at the site's online calendar.

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Partygoers have a ball at charity event

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employees chopped ice and shoveled all day to keep the walkways outside ice-free.

Organizers rolled out the red carpet for partygoers' arrival.

The foyer was decorated with balloon arches in hot pink, silver, and black, and the auditorium brought more balloon arches, twinkling lights draped over the balcony, and soft uses of pink lighting and candlelit tables.

The auditorium, usually the place for discussions about zoning and budgets, was transformed into a dance hall, including a fiber optic backdrop, which resembled a night sky. Thousands of twinkling lights changed from white to sapphire blue, red, yellow, and green during the night.

"It felt like starlight," said event organizer Sheri Baron.

After hours of food and fun, which included a 12-minute highlight video of the Millennium celebration events by M&T's Mark Apostolon, residents counted down the final moments of 2000. Watching the Times Square scene on a screen, partygoers, donning hats while holding horns and confetti wands, cheered at the start of the new year and 500 balloons dropped from the ceiling.

At that point, "Mirror Image" went back to rocking the house and got the dance floor hopping.

Despite the smaller attendance, Baron is pleased.

"People were in the mood to

party. I think many were glad to have a place to go that was so close to home," said Baron, adding that half the guests attended the previous ball.

With a second year done, organizers praised the committee, Department of Public Works, Police Department, and Fire Department for their assistance.

The committee was comprised of Debbie Ashjian, Joan Banks, Doris DeVries, Mary Deyst, Janice Weber, John Leonard, Baron, and Hurd.

Baron said the committee also wants to thank Becky and Juliana Brescia, granddaughters of Joan and Tom Banks, who served as "our charming coat room attendants."

The event chairman also praised custodian Bobby Giurleo, who helped during the setup and coordinated the service people.

"He is the best," Baron said. Bilater also praised those who helped out.

"I can't say enough of all the town employees and town departments for the work they did. There wasn't a lot of snow, but it was ice and slush. They did a beautiful job in cleaning around Town Hall so it was safe for people coming in," he said.

For Hurd, there were a lot of highpoints.

"The band was outstanding. Everyone there was clearly there to have a good time. Pretty much everyone was dancing," said Hurd, reflecting on the event Tuesday.

facility.

That swimming area is separated from the main reservoir by a rock fill berm that is not water-tight.

Engineering reports from the firm Weston & Sampson recommended keeping the reservoir at a lower height of 153 feet. But if that happens, a new beach area might be necessary.

Bento said his hope is to separate the beach area from the main reservoir by possibly erecting a grout in between the rocks or a watertight curtain so the two sides can maintain different heights of water.

Assessors releases revaluation figures

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specific as possible on the application if they want to convince the assessors that the assessment is too high.

Assessors have 90 days to respond to the application. If they agree with the applicant, they will reduce the assessment; if the assessors do not respond within 90 days, the application has been denied.

Once residents receive the response, they have 90 days to challenge it. In order to do so, residents must file a petition with the appellate tax board.

For more information, call the Assessors office at 316-3050.

In addition, because of the evaluation's size, *The Advocate's* layout is different from usual. For instance, instead of starting on the first page of the second book, Sports runs from pages 11 to 13 this week.

Tax relief guidelines

In Arlington, and in Massachusetts in general, there are chances to gain some tax relief, provided that a resident can prove he or she falls within certain guidelines.

Income requirements will be verified by certified copies of Federal Income Tax Forms and bank accounts verified by bank statements.

Elderly

- The elderly (those over age 70 by July 1) are eligible for a \$550 exemption. The maximum income from Social Security, wages, pension, bank interest, stocks, etc. must be no greater than \$13,000.

- For an elderly family where at least one partner is 70 or older, the income level cannot exceed \$15,000.

- The total value of a single

elderly person's estate (savings, stocks, bonds) cannot exceed \$28,000, while an elderly family's cannot exceed \$30,000 (not including the value of a primary home).

Widows and widowers

- A survivor of a deceased husband or wife is eligible for up to a \$192.50 exemption
- The total value of an estate cannot exceed \$40,000.

Tax deferral

- To be eligible, a resident must be 65 years of age as of July 1.

- An income of no more than \$20,000 is required for consideration.

- A lien will be placed on the house and no taxes will be placed until the person dies or the house is sold. Taxes must be paid back in full plus eight percent interest.

Blindness

- A \$550 exemption is available.

- A certificate of blindness is required each year from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind as of July 1.

Veteran

- A \$275 exemption is available.

- An eligible veteran must have at least a 10 percent level of disablement verified as military service related by the office of Veterans Affairs

Hardship

- On a case-by-case basis, the local assessor's office can grant an exemption based on age, financial condition or other factors that inhibit a property owner's ability to pay.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Music at church

On Friday, Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Massachusetts Ave., a program "Again to Cherish" with Aoife Clancy, Bridget Fitzgerald and Patty Furlong will be presented by Music for Robin. Tickets are \$15.50 in advance and \$17 day of show. Children under 12, half price.

Performers include:

Bridget Fitzgerald is a native of County Galway, an area famed for its rich sean-nos or 'ole-style' singing tradition — an unaccompanied vocal style characterized by its complex, subtle ornamentation and embellishment. She learned songs in Irish and English from her mother, uncle and godfather, as well as from local singers of note who often visited the home. Fitzgerald has been recognized as a master of sean-nos by the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

Aoife Clancy, from County Tipperary, started her singing career at an early age performing with her father, Bobby Clancy of the legendary Clancy Brothers. In 1981, Aoife moved to the United States to pursue her singing career. Her vocal style is soft, lyrical, romantic, even sentimental. She is known for her lovely voice, both as a solo performer and for her work in Cherish the Ladies.

Patty Furlong is three times all-Ireland champion on the button accordion. Besides being an original member of Cherish the Ladies, she has also played with the Chieftains. Her playing is clean and precise with both virtuosity and feeling. Her choice of the accordion produces a sound which is highly reminiscent of the finest playing of years past, while remaining firmly rooted in the

present. Earl Hitchner, who writes for the Irish Echo and the Wall Street Journal, included her CD, Traditional Irish Music in his top 20 for 1999.

AHS principal at Ottoson

How does High School scheduling work? How are students placed in classes?

These and other questions will be answered when the Ottoson Guidance Department welcomes Arlington High School Principal Charlie McCarthy to discuss the scheduling process on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Ottoson cafeteria.

Brother Blue at library

Brother Blue, a favorite Boston storyteller, will entertain families with stories to celebrate Martin Luther King Day at the Robbins Library on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m.

In this program, which is appropriate for children aged 4 and older, Brother Blue will use stories from a variety of cultures to show how we all have something wonderful to share with the world. Brother Blue encourages audiences to participate in his stories and everyone is guaranteed to have a splendid time. Brother Blue has been delighting children and adults with his stories throughout New England for more than 25 years.

Families can drop in for this event with no pre-registration. This program is co-sponsored by the Robbins Library Russell Fund and the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance Committee. For more information please call 316-3234.

Schools offer after-school MCAS high school program

Arlington High School will offer a 10-week after-school program for ninth and tenth grade students at risk of failing the MCAS in the spring. Passing the English Language Arts and Mathematics sections of the MCAS is a requirement for high school graduation for the class of 2003 and for all subsequent graduating classes.

We have applied for a state grant which will provide a unique, after-school tutorial experience to develop the required skills in Mathematics and English. Pending notification of funding by the Massachusetts Department of Education, students will have the opportunity to learn through a computer-based tutorial program with the assistance of teachers, two to four times a week (Monday through Thursday) for about 30 minutes each session.

The program will begin Monday, Feb. 26. This non-traditional computer program strengthens foundation skills through practi-

cal challenges, and allows students to move at their own pace. The tutorial software will also be available for students during the day as their schedules permit.

After students have begun to make progress, parents/guardians will be invited to a Parent/Student night at the high school. Our students will offer a demonstration of their new skills and competencies in Mathematics and English, and our teachers will share the student reports noting specific areas of progress.

Receiving a passing grade on the MCAS is a necessity under current law for high school graduation. In addition to a students' daily class work and homework, this program will assist in helping students achieve a passing grade on the MCAS.

Families interested in enrolling their sons or daughters in this after-school program should call the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction by Friday, Jan. 12.

Children's chorus rehearsals

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders are invited to join a Children's Festival Chorus as part of the town-wide Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance which will take place at First Baptist Church of Arlington on Jan. 15.

Chorus will be directed by Frank Toppa. Rehearsals take place at First Baptist Church, 819 Mass. Ave. (attendance at one rehearsal, plus the Jan. 15 performance is required).

Rehearsal dates are:
Jan. 6 from noon to 1 p.m.;

Jan. 7 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; and
Jan. 13 from 2 to 3 p.m.

The program will be presented on Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. A potluck supper precedes the program. Advance sign-up is encouraged. Please call First Baptist Church of Arlington at 643-3024 or e-mail the church at FBAr1MA@aol.com to sign up.

Rehearsals will include a workshop of additional songs about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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